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In re application of :
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Serial No. 09/244,037 : Group Art Unit 2734
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 13, 1999, the period for response to which having been extended by three months to March 13, 2000, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Enclosed please find a re-submitted Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-7, 9, 11-20 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows. Please add new claims 21-24 as follows.

1. (Amended) A signal transmission and reception apparatus for transmitting and receiving an n-level VSB signal, the apparatus comprising a [transmitter] transmission apparatus and a [receiver] reception apparatus;
- said [transmitter] transmission apparatus comprising:
- a [compression means for compressing] compressor operable to compress an input video signal to a digital video compression signal;